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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

SUBJECT: Working Group on Iceland.

1. As agreed by the Board at its meeting of February 17, the coordination of operational projects with respect to Iceland has reached a point where it is necessary only to work out the details for the completion of these projects by the responsible agencies over an extended period. In view of this situation, the Working Group on Iceland has been requested by the Board Assistants to prepare a summary report, consisting of a list of actions and their status. Thereafter the Working Group will be discharged.

2. It is still necessary that a review of the premiere which is to be shown in Reykjavik be made by responsible individuals. The members of the Working Group have been requested by the Board Assistants to preview this film and make such recommendations to USIA as are appropriate.

3. In accordance with the Board's wishes the Departments of State and Defense and the USIA will be apprised of the fact that the Board is most anxious that cultural activities in this area be maintained at a high level over a sustained period. It has therefore been agreed by the Board Assistants that the departments submit a report to OCB as of September 1, 1954, with particular reference to programs contemplated in FY 1956.

4. In view of the fact that Iceland is a small area and the peoples are relatively isolated, the Board Assistants have agreed that an opportunity may exist for a realistic evaluation, after a lapse of a reasonable period, of our increased operations. The initiative for undertaking this evaluation will be taken by the OCB Staff, utilizing the facilities of the agencies as may be needed.

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